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to respond. There is a legitimate, perhaps, difference of opinion that we have here, but in the briefings that I have been in, discussions that I have been in, I have been advised that we are in a 1.016 percent mode right now; that the federal judgment is accruing interest in that fashion. When that judgment becomes final and the appeals are done and it comes back to district court, then it is certified for payment, as a method of collecting, to the Department of Administrative Services in the state of Nebraska. At that point, we have an old statute, very old, that says that we pay it if we can. If we can't pay it and that is so certified by the DAS, then it shall bear interest at 10 percent from its date. Now what that means, "from its date," we are not sure, but I am suggesting, since that has not yet kicked in, the judgment is not final, there's not been a certification from the district court to our DAS, our DAS hasn't certified that there is no money, that that antiquated statute ought to be changed, not for low-level anymore than for potential claims that might come from a bus accident or an explosion or a water claim or any claim that's against the state that we can't pay. That is just not an appropriate rate of interest. And so, no, I would honestly tell you that I don't think we'll know the answer to what we're discussing for certain until there's a court decision on that issue. But I think the impression has been, the conveyance has been by counsel, at least in the briefings I've been in, that we're under a one point something percent. Now, to say that we would then go back retroactively and that 1 percent would be 10 percent clear back to a year and a half ago is not an argument I've heard until today.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Do I have any time left, Madam President?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, you do.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you. As far as the argument about special legislation, your response is, well, no, this would be a provision of law that would apply to any situation that comes along from now on.

SPEAKER BROMM: That's right. We're not singling out a federal court judgment or a low-level action or...it would be any